



# MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 8

DEPT.: /City Clerk

DATE: September 29, 2004

**ACTION:**

Proclamation declaring October as DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH in Rockville.

Claire Nissenbaum, Executive Director, and Patti Edison and Laurie Moloney, Assistant Directors, of the Atlantic Seaboard Dyslexia Educational Center, will accept the proclamation.

**ACTION STATUS:**

**FOR THE MEETING OF:** 10/4/04

INTRODUCED

PUB. HEARING

INSTRUCTIONS

APPROVED

EFFECTIVE

**ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,**

CHAPTER

SECTION

☐ **CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Read and present Proclamation

**IMPACT:** ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

**BACKGROUND:**



**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Child Health and Development has declared that dyslexia constitutes a major national physical and mental health crisis, as well as an academic crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yale Child Study Institute's 20-year research study shows that 20 percent of all students have reading problems stemming from neurologically-based language processing deficits; and

**WHEREAS**, brain-imaging studies demonstrate that dyslexia involves specific language-learning difficulties that are neurobiological in origin and heritable; and

**WHEREAS**, seventy-five or more percent of the general public believes that dyslexia is caused by emotional disturbance or low intelligence or mental retardation and sixty-five or more percent of teachers hold the same view; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexic persons are unique, of average to superior intelligence, often gifted and productive with talent in areas such as art, music, drama, architecture, graphics, athletics, business, engineering, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexic persons simply have a different kind of mind, a different way of perceiving the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY GIAMMO**, Mayor of Rockville, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim October 17 – 24, 2004, as **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK**, and call upon the people of Rockville to recognize this observance.

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Mayor Larry Giammo  
Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey  
Councilmember John F. Hall  
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann  
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins  
October 4, 2004